(7) if so, what are the special facilities in the present place;

(8) is any cotton available near this place as in Coimbatore;

(9) if not, have they any idea of growing cotton in the locality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(1) In April 1936.

(2) Yes.

(3) 1,500 preferential shares of Rs.100 each.

(4) Messrs. Ramal & Co., Ltd., Post Box No. 173, Esplanade, Madras.

Yes.

(5) In Amballur village near Pudukkad.

(6) It is understood that the place selected is suitable.

(7) The locality satisfies the general conditions for the erection of a Mill.

(8) No.

(9) Not at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has any Cochinite a share in the Managing Agency?

Mr. President.—The answer is there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— How many shares have Cochinites taken in this company?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there any place in Cochin where cotton is grown?

Mr. President.—Chittur grows a very small amount of cotton.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will cotton growing be a useful experiment for the purpose of this mill?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—We cannot get the soil required for the growing of cotton.

Machines invented by late Mr. C. M. Velappan, Industrial Assistant, G. T. School, Trichur.

176. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state how many machines were invented by

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late Mr. C. M. Velappan, Industrial Assistant, G. T. School, Trichur, and how much each of the machines is worth;

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state if they have taken over the machines; if so, why and for how much;

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state by whom the machines were valued; if so, will they be pleased to place on the table a copy of the valuation report;

(4) Will the Government be pleased to state if any representation has been made to them to reconsider about the value of the machines;

(5) if so, what they have done in the matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(1) Twelve machines were made. The correct price of each machine could not be fixed as machines of the type are not available in the market.

(2) Yes, as a sort of relief to the family of the deceased and for demonstration purposes. For Rs. 250.

(3) The machines made are only miniatures of, or modifications from the existing ones and machines of the same type are not available in the market. A lump sum was therefore fixed in consultation with the Chief Engineer. The latter part of the question does not arise.

(4) Yes.

(5) The petitioner was told that the request cannot be granted.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What are these machines?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—There is a small Electric Light Plant, there is another machine, an auxiliary for spinning and mat making and so on.

T. D. High School—strength of.

177. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the strength of the T. D. High School during the years 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110 and 1111;

(b) whether it was brought to the notice of the authorities that the space available at the school premises does not permit of the number of students attending the school from hygienic and sanitary points of view?

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